

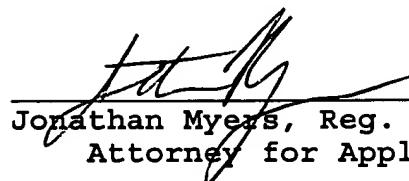
that is new, useful and unobvious in view of the prior art as well as to make of record an information disclosure statement.

Applicant has cancelled all claims originally presented and is submitting new claims 9 through 18. Antecedent basis for the new claims may be found in the specification on page 3, line 28 through page 6. Thus claims 9 through 18 are now in this application and are presented for examination.

Applicant is submitting an Information Disclosure Statement with this preliminary amendment. Included with the Information Disclosure Statement are an English translation of a Hungarian Search Report dated 15 December 1999 carried out in the corresponding priority application, an International Search Report done by the European Patent Office on 9 June 2000, a Written Opinion rendered by the European Patent Office and dated 7 December 2000, Applicant's reply to the Written Opinion, said reply dated 6 March 2001, and an International Preliminary Examination Report rendered by the European Patent Office and dated 10 May 2001. Included with these documents are twelve prior art references that were either cited in the background portion of the application, cited in the European Search Report or the European Preliminary Examination Report, or which became known to Applicant as related prior art. None of these references taken alone or in combination is believed to provide any basis to reject any claim now presented as either anticipated under 35 USC 102 or as obvious under 35 USC 103.

Favorable action in this case is earnestly solicited.

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